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Jane Henney, M.D., Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Henney:

Evidence is mounting concerning the dangers^{of} using antibiotics in the feed of animals producing meat for human consumption, especially because such practice seems to encourage the growth of antibiotic-resistant pathogens, the resulting problems in the treatment of disease.

The experiences of European farmers show that the growth of livestock can be adequately furthered by proper hygiene and stress reduction.

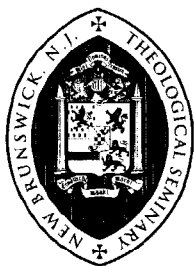
It is important that the United States follow the wise example of the European Union, and ban the use, in livestock production, of any antibiotic feed supplements containing antibiotics used in human medicine, until such usage has been demonstrated to be safe.

sincerely,

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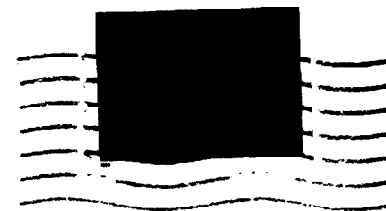
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